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In re Application of	:	
Kazushi TORII et al.	:	Group Art Unit: 1773
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Filed: January 24, 2002	:	
For: WATER-ABSORBING AGENT AND	:	
PRODUCTION PROCESS THEREFOR, AND	:	
WATER-ABSORBENT STRUCTURE	:	

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97 and § 1.98, Applicants bring the disclosures attached and listed on completed Form PTO-1449 to the Examiner's attention and request that they be considered and made of record in this application.

The enclosed documents were cited in Applicants' corresponding EPO application, and a copy of the Communication from the European Patent Office dated March 31, 2004 is enclosed.

Applicants are enclosing copies of WO 95/22358 and WO 95/22355 only. The remaining documents cited in the March 31, 2004 Communication from the European Patent Office were previously submitted to the Patent Office.

Since the enclosed patents were cited in the Communication from the European Patent Office not more than three months prior to the submission of this Information Disclosure Statement, it is believed that no fee is required for consideration of these patents. However,

the Examiner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may become due in connection with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 18-2220.

Respectfully submitted,



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